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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MARCH 1987 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES MODERATELY

The State's actual unemployment rate declined moderately over the month, dropping from 9.8 percent in January to 9.2 percent in February. There were 758,600 jobless Texans in mid-February, down 48,200 from January, but still 62,000 above the year-ago level, when the rate was 8.8 percent. Although the rate declined over the month, the February rate was still the fourth-highest ever recorded, exceeded only by the rates for June and July 1986 and January 1987. Total employment rose by 65,900 in February, to 7,467,700 -- up 219,700 from the February 1986 level.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb. 1987	Jan 1987	Feb. 1986
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	117,967.0	117,704.0	115,726.0
Unemployment	8,503.0	8,602.0	9,041.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.3	7.8
Total Employment	109,464.0	109,084.0	106,685.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	119,349.0	119,034.0	117,042.0
Unemployment	7,967.0	8,023.0	8,485.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	6.7	7.2
Total Employment	111,382.0	111,011.0	108,557.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,226.3	8,208.6	7,944.5
Unemployment	758.6	806.8	696.5
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.8	8.8
Total Employment	7,467.7	7,401.8	7,248.0
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,315.0	8,293.0	8,026.0
Unemployment	723.0	796.0	661.0
Percent Unemployed	8.7	9.6	8.2
Total Employment	7,592.0	7,497.0	7,365.0

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's unemployment rate decreased significantly, from 9.6 percent in January to 8.7 percent in February. While the Texas rates fluctuated over the month, the Nation's unemployment rates remained virtually unchanged. The actual rate for the U. S. inched down from 7.3 percent to 7.2 percent, and the seasonally adjusted rate remained unchanged, at 6.7 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASES

The number of nonfarm, salaried jobs in Texas increased by 25,700 between January and February, as seasonal increases in government and services helped boost employment levels. There were an estimated 6,485,400 nonfarm, salaried jobs in mid-February, down 156,300 from the February 1986 level. Every major industry sector except government and transportation and utilities had lost jobs over the year.

Government also created more jobs in February than any other industry group, as state and local schools and universities added 15,400 positions to complete their staffing for the spring semester. The educational portion of services also increased substantially in February, as private schools readied for the new semester, adding 3,400 jobs. Services generated 9,000 new jobs over the month, as hospitals and doctors' offices hired 3,300 additional workers to assist during the flu and allergy

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	50,200	49,800	53,000	77,200	77,700	78,800	363,200	361,000	364,500
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	5,200	9,800	9,800	9,600	39,400	39,400	40,900
Mining	2,200	2,300	3,500	1,300	1,300	1,700	1,000	1,000	1,100
Construction	2,400	2,300	2,600	3,900	3,900	4,000	21,300	21,500	24,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,600	5,800	5,800	6,200	11,400	11,400	11,100
Trade	14,000	13,900	14,600	22,600	23,100	23,000	80,500	81,300	80,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,600	4,400	4,300	4,300	25,600	25,500	25,100
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,100	13,500	16,000	16,100	15,800	83,700	83,400	82,200
Government	8,300	8,300	8,400	13,400	13,400	14,200	100,300	97,500	98,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,200	126,600	131,700	56,300	55,700	59,200	65,800	65,700	65,900
Manufacturing	24,100	24,100	25,900	15,200	15,200	16,400	9,600	9,800	9,600
Mining	1,600	1,600	2,300	1,300	1,300	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	7,600	7,300	8,600	5,600	5,400	6,100	2,800	2,700	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,700	10,100	2,200	2,200	2,600	3,100	3,100	3,300
Trade	31,300	31,300	31,900	10,800	10,800	11,200	17,800	17,700	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,500	1,900	1,900	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,500
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,100	27,400	7,700	7,700	7,900	13,500	13,500	13,000
Government	20,100	20,000	20,000	11,600	11,200	10,800	15,600	15,500	15,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 2/		
TOTAL	48,300	45,900	49,500	128,100	128,000	131,900	1,312.4	1,316.6	1,337.9
Manufacturing	2,700	2,800	3,300	11,800	11,800	12,500	222.9	223.3	229.2
Mining	800	800	1,000	6,000	6,000	7,300	19.0	19.1	22.2
Construction	2,000	2,100	2,400	7,700	8,000	8,900	67.2	69.5	86.8
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,200	7,100	7,400	86.1	86.1	85.9
Trade	11,100	10,700	11,000	33,800	33,800	33,700	353.1	356.1	355.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,900	6,800	6,800	6,800	131.3	131.3	131.9
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,500	8,000	27,500	27,500	27,700	283.1	283.0	283.8
Government	20,700	18,700	20,300	27,300	27,000	27,600	149.7	148.2	141.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	183,100	184,400	182,800	510,000	509,600	506,900	69,200	69,100	71,600
Manufacturing	34,100	34,400	36,600	111,800	111,900	113,900	9,000	9,100	9,800
Mining	100	200	200	3,400	3,400	4,200	400	400	700
Construction	9,700	9,400	9,800	29,300	29,500	31,500	4,400	4,500	5,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,100	9,800	27,200	27,000	25,900	4,400	4,400	5,100
Trade	44,700	45,300	44,300	134,900	136,600	134,900	13,100	13,200	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,900	9,900	9,400	28,600	28,500	28,000	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	35,400	35,600	33,600	110,900	109,700	105,100	12,600	12,500	12,400
Government	39,200	39,500	39,100	63,900	63,000	63,400	20,900	20,600	20,600

season. Employment also rose in other services and miscellaneous, as civil, social and fraternal associations began preparation for outdoor activities.

Transportation and public utilities recorded 1,100 additional jobs in February, with all of the growth concentrated in transportation, except railroads. Within that category, equal-sized increases were registered in transportation by air and in water transportation. The other sectors of this industry group had offsetting small gains and losses. Minor upward and downward changes also nullified one another within finance, insurance and real estate over the month.

Seasonal cutbacks in wholesale and retail trade following the Holiday rush and inventory-taking left this industry down 5,400 in February. Wholesale trade lost 1,100 positions, as the demand for construction materials declined. The majority of the losses, however, were within the retail portion of trade. General merchandise stores cut 3,200 jobs and apparel and accessory stores deleted 900 positions. Automotive dealers and service stations declined by 1,200, as auto sales declined due to the tight economy. Moderate upturns were noted in food stores and in eating and drinking places.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**
	HOUSTON 2/		
TOTAL	1,371.9	1,372.6	1,447.1
Manufacturing	147.5	147.2	164.5
Mining	63.5	64.0	81.7
Construction	83.9	84.0	98.5
Trans., Comm., & Util.	92.3	92.2	97.6
Trade	351.1	355.0	365.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.4	100.7	106.2
Services & Misc.	342.5	340.2	343.0
Government	190.7	189.3	190.3
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	64,700	64,800	67,000
Manufacturing	14,800	14,900	15,700
Mining	3,500	3,500	4,600
Construction	3,000	3,000	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,500
Trade	17,100	17,100	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,200
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,400	11,300
Government	8,400	8,400	8,300
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	44,100	44,000	48,900
Manufacturing	3,100	3,100	3,800
Mining	8,800	9,000	11,100
Construction	1,500	1,600	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,200	2,400
Trade	10,600	10,600	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,900	2,900	3,100
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,500	9,200
Government	6,300	6,100	6,300
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	494,500	492,700	491,500
Manufacturing	46,300	46,400	48,800
Mining	2,600	2,700	3,100
Construction	31,700	32,200	36,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,100	18,100	18,900
Trade	129,600	130,100	126,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	39,100	38,600	38,000
Services & Misc.	116,600	115,000	112,100
Government	110,500	109,600	107,500
	TYLER		
TOTAL	60,000	60,100	61,700
Manufacturing	11,000	11,000	11,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,500
Construction	2,600	2,800	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900
Trade	16,100	16,200	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,700	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,100	13,100
Government	8,800	8,700	8,800
	WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	50,000	50,000	50,800
Manufacturing	8,000	8,100	8,100
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,700
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	12,300	12,400	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,100	10,900
Government	9,500	9,400	9,500

Industry	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	67,600	67,500	67,100
Manufacturing	8,500	8,600	8,800
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,700	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800
Trade	16,000	16,200	15,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	2,900	3,000
Services & Misc.	13,900	13,800	13,300
Government	19,700	19,500	19,600
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	90,800	89,900	90,600
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,400
Mining	300	300	400
Construction	3,200	3,200	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,600	4,500	4,700
Trade	27,600	27,600	27,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,400
Services & Misc.	20,900	20,700	19,800
Government	21,700	21,100	21,600
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	43,400	43,100	50,100
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	4,700
Mining	6,100	6,100	8,400
Construction	2,300	2,400	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,300
Trade	13,000	13,000	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,100	7,900
Government	7,600	7,400	7,600
	SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	38,000	38,100	37,900
Manufacturing	11,000	11,100	11,700
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	8,800	8,900	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,600	7,400
Government	5,200	5,100	5,200
	VICTORIA		
TOTAL	27,900	27,800	29,000
Manufacturing	3,000	2,800	3,000
Mining	1,800	1,800	2,600
Construction	1,900	1,800	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,400	1,600
Trade	7,700	8,100	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	6,100	6,000	5,800
Government	4,400	4,400	4,400

Industry	Feb.'87*	Jan.'87**	Feb.'86**
	LAREDO		
TOTAL	34,800	34,800	34,800
Manufacturing	1,800	1,700	1,900
Mining	1,900	1,800	1,900
Construction	1,400	1,300	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,900	4,000	3,800
Trade	9,900	10,100	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,900	6,000	5,600
Government	8,400	8,300	8,200
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	89,300	89,100	87,600
Manufacturing	13,000	13,000	12,100
Mining	1,100	1,100	1,400
Construction	4,700	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	26,300	26,100	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,900	3,900	4,100
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,800	13,700
Government	23,800	23,800	23,000
	SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	37,100	36,800	37,600
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	5,600
Mining	600	600	900
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trade	9,400	9,200	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,700
Government	6,700	6,600	6,700
	TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	44,600	44,500	44,700
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,200
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	1,400	1,400	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	10,600	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	8,900	8,900
Government	12,600	12,500	12,300
	WACO		
TOTAL	78,000	77,600	78,600
Manufacturing	14,800	14,600	16,200
Mining	100	100	200
Construction	3,800	3,900	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,500	3,400
Trade	19,100	19,000	18,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	19,600	19,400	19,200
Government	12,400	12,300	12,300

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
2/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Feb. 1987*	Jan. 1987**	Feb. 1986**	Change From Jan. 1987	Change From Feb. 1986
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,485,400	6,469,700	6,641,700	25,700	-156,300
Manufacturing	942,300	941,100	976,300	1,200	-34,000
Durable Goods	542,300	541,800	568,700	500	-26,400
Lumber & Wood Products	36,400	36,300	37,900	100	-1,500
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,300	7,300	6,900	0	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,800	16,800	17,700	0	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	44,800	44,500	48,800	300	-4,000
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	19,800	19,700	22,400	100	-2,600
Primary Metal Industries	27,700	27,700	31,700	0	-4,000
Fabricated Metal Industries	74,200	74,000	79,700	200	-5,500
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	37,400	37,300	40,300	100	-2,900
Machinery, Except Electrical	101,800	102,100	117,000	-300	-15,200
Oil Field Machinery	23,200	23,400	35,900	-200	-12,700
Electric & Electronic Equipment	119,100	119,100	116,200	0	2,900
Transportation Equipment	86,700	86,300	83,300	400	3,400
Aircraft & Parts	50,800	50,500	43,700	300	7,100
Instruments & Related Products	22,000	22,000	23,200	0	-1,200
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,800	13,000	13,200	-200	-400
Nondurable Goods	400,000	399,300	407,600	700	-7,600
Food & Kindred Products	97,600	97,100	96,500	500	1,100
Meat Products	27,000	27,100	26,100	-100	900
Dairy Products	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
Bakery Products	11,100	11,100	10,800	0	300
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,000	3,000	100	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,500	0	-400
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	50,000	50,000	55,300	0	-5,300
Paper & Allied Products	23,200	23,000	22,900	200	300
Printing & Publishing	77,300	76,900	76,600	400	700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,100	38,900	38,800	200	300
Chemicals & Allied Products	73,500	73,700	76,500	-200	-3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	33,200	33,400	34,900	-200	-1,700
Petroleum Refining	29,900	30,100	31,500	-200	-1,600
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,000	7,500	0	-500
Other Nondurable Goods	34,100	34,100	32,900	0	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,543,100	5,528,600	5,665,400	14,500	-122,300
Mining	190,000	190,700	240,400	-700	-50,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	10,400	10,400	10,800	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	179,600	180,300	229,600	-700	-50,000
Construction	372,400	377,400	421,300	-5,000	-48,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,400	376,300	375,000	1,100	2,400
Railroad Transportation	20,600	20,600	22,300	0	-1,700
Transportation, Except Railroads	194,000	192,900	186,000	1,100	8,000
Transportation by Air	53,100	52,500	46,700	600	6,400
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	86,000	85,900	88,400	100	-2,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,800	76,900	78,300	-100	-1,500
Electric Services	42,800	42,700	43,100	100	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,000	28,300	-100	-1,400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,652,800	1,658,200	1,674,700	-5,400	-21,900
Wholesale Trade	413,900	415,000	439,000	-1,100	-25,100
Retail Trade	1,238,900	1,243,200	1,235,700	-4,300	3,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,600	43,800	50,000	-200	-6,400
General Merchandise Stores	164,800	168,000	157,100	-3,200	7,700
Food Stores	234,400	233,200	225,600	1,200	8,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,200	133,400	137,800	-1,200	-5,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,300	81,200	82,700	-900	-2,400
Eating & Drinking Places	395,300	394,500	389,700	800	5,600
Other Retail Trade	188,300	189,100	192,800	-800	-4,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	441,500	441,400	446,600	100	-5,100
Banking	98,600	99,400	105,900	-800	-7,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	136,600	136,200	134,700	400	1,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	206,300	205,800	206,000	500	300
Services	1,358,100	1,349,100	1,367,900	9,000	-9,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,300	84,400	400	-700
Personal Services	82,500	82,100	81,600	400	900
Business & Repair Services	360,600	361,200	377,100	-600	-16,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	48,100	48,100	49,100	0	-1,000
Health Services	379,700	376,400	364,300	3,300	15,400
Educational Services	70,600	67,200	72,400	3,400	-1,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	332,900	330,800	339,000	2,100	-6,100
Total Government	1,150,900	1,135,500	1,139,500	15,400	11,400
Total Federal Government	192,800	192,200	193,300	600	-500
Total State Government	251,800	243,800	236,200	8,000	15,600
Total Local Government	706,300	699,500	710,000	6,800	-3,700

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**	Feb. '87*	Jan. '87**	Feb. '86**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,600	55,500	54,900	99,100	98,700	96,400	437,600	433,200	411,900
Total Unemployment	5,200	5,600	4,200	6,900	7,000	7,000	28,400	29,500	22,100
Percent Unemployed	9.4	10.1	7.7	7.0	7.1	7.3	6.5	6.8	5.4
Total Employment 2/	50,400	49,900	50,700	92,200	91,700	89,400	409,200	403,700	389,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,200	161,000	162,300	80,500	80,100	79,500	95,600	95,500	94,500
Total Unemployment	21,900	23,400	25,100	8,600	9,300	8,600	14,900	15,900	17,400
Percent Unemployed	13.6	14.5	15.5	10.7	11.6	10.8	15.6	16.6	18.4
Total Employment 2/	139,300	137,600	137,200	71,900	70,800	70,900	80,700	79,600	77,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,000	55,300	56,600	167,100	166,300	161,500	1,416.9	1,415.4	1,364.6
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,800	3,500	21,500	22,300	18,900	89.1	94.7	77.6
Percent Unemployed	6.0	6.9	6.2	12.9	13.4	11.7	6.3	6.7	5.7
Total Employment 2/	54,500	51,500	53,100	145,600	144,000	142,600	1,327.8	1,320.7	1,287.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	228,400	228,000	216,800	667,400	664,300	623,800	106,700	106,200	105,500
Total Unemployment	26,100	26,700	25,500	49,100	51,600	38,900	12,100	12,500	12,700
Percent Unemployed	11.4	11.7	11.8	7.4	7.8	6.2	11.3	11.8	12.0
Total Employment 2/	202,300	201,300	191,300	618,300	612,700	584,900	94,600	93,700	92,800
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,598.8	1,600.2	1,592.4	90,100	89,700	84,700	45,900	45,900	43,900
Total Unemployment	161.5	174.9	153.2	7,300	7,600	6,700	8,400	8,800	8,200
Percent Unemployed	10.1	10.9	9.6	8.1	8.5	7.9	18.3	19.2	18.7
Total Employment 2/	1,437.3	1,425.3	1,439.2	82,800	82,100	78,000	37,500	37,100	35,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,500	80,400	78,800	111,800	110,300	106,700	148,700	150,400	144,900
Total Unemployment	9,400	10,200	9,400	7,400	7,700	8,000	29,700	32,600	33,400
Percent Unemployed	11.7	12.7	11.9	6.6	7.0	7.5	20.0	21.7	23.1
Total Employment 2/	71,100	70,200	69,400	104,400	102,600	98,700	119,000	117,800	111,500
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,200	51,500	52,100	57,900	58,400	59,500	45,900	45,300	44,000
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,900	4,000	8,500	9,300	5,500	3,100	3,400	2,600
Percent Unemployed	10.5	11.5	7.7	14.7	15.9	9.2	6.8	7.5	5.9
Total Employment 2/	45,800	45,600	48,100	49,400	49,100	54,000	42,800	41,900	41,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	595,300	592,100	557,000	49,400	49,100	46,500	56,800	56,800	55,800
Total Unemployment	48,900	51,700	40,000	4,100	4,300	3,300	5,200	5,400	5,600
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.7	7.2	8.3	8.8	7.1	9.2	9.5	10.0
Total Employment 2/	546,400	540,400	517,000	45,300	44,800	43,200	51,600	51,400	50,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,600	76,400	74,000	38,200	38,200	37,100	92,700	91,900	87,500
Total Unemployment	8,100	7,600	6,500	4,000	4,100	3,300	7,300	8,000	6,300
Percent Unemployed	10.4	9.9	8.8	10.5	10.7	8.9	7.9	8.7	7.2
Total Employment 2/	69,500	68,800	67,500	34,200	34,100	33,800	85,400	83,900	81,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	57,500	55,300				8,226.3	8,208.6	7,944.5
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,400	4,500				758.6	806.8	696.5
Percent Unemployed	8.9	9.4	8.1				9.2	9.8	8.8
Total Employment 2/	52,500	52,100	50,800				7,467.7	7,401.8	7,248.0

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.± 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb.± 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986	Feb.± 1987	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1986
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 399.90	$ 402.68	$ 391.68	41.1	41.3	40.8	$ 9.73	$ 9.75	$ 9.60
Durable Goods	393.71	389.22	387.69	41.4	41.1	41.2	9.51	9.47	9.41
Lumber & Wood Products	282.98	280.70	276.34	40.6	40.1	40.4	6.97	7.00	6.84
Furniture & Fixtures	256.56	259.64	239.98	39.9	39.7	39.6	6.43	6.54	6.06
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	385.90	378.64	368.51	42.5	41.7	43.1	9.08	9.08	8.55
Primary Metal Industries	418.18	419.80	414.72	40.6	40.6	39.8	10.30	10.34	10.42
Fabricated Metal Products	362.56	367.85	360.86	40.6	41.1	40.5	8.93	8.95	8.91
Machinery, exc. Electric	412.93	405.14	407.12	41.5	40.8	41.5	9.95	9.93	9.81
Oil Field Machinery	476.99	448.48	476.74	42.1	39.1	41.6	11.33	11.47	11.46
Electric & Electronic Equip.	430.36	428.98	421.00	42.4	42.6	42.1	10.15	10.07	10.00
Transportation Equipment	519.79	496.52	523.74	43.1	41.9	41.6	12.06	11.85	12.59
Instruments & Related Prod.	344.74	343.47	350.61	39.9	39.8	41.2	8.64	8.63	8.51
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	255.36	250.13	247.56	38.0	37.5	38.5	6.72	6.67	6.43
Nondurable Goods	406.41	419.74	396.96	40.6	41.6	40.3	10.01	10.09	9.85
Food & Kindred Products	339.36	358.27	326.01	40.4	42.1	40.7	8.40	8.51	8.01
Meat Products	249.31	294.27	267.85	37.1	41.8	39.8	6.72	7.04	6.73
Malt Beverages	858.39	862.65	769.59	48.8	48.6	45.7	17.59	17.75	16.84
Textile Mill Products	323.18	323.38	298.68	46.5	46.0	43.1	6.95	7.03	6.93
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	189.80	197.78	184.62	36.5	37.6	35.3	5.20	5.26	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	458.17	458.15	463.66	42.9	43.1	43.7	10.68	10.63	10.61
Printing & Publishing	383.57	382.59	380.25	39.1	39.0	39.0	9.81	9.81	9.75
Chemicals & Allied Products	629.82	651.89	609.29	42.1	43.2	42.4	14.96	15.09	14.37
Petroleum & Coal Products	640.23	672.99	650.38	41.9	43.9	43.1	15.28	15.33	15.09
Petroleum Refining	664.86	699.43	676.94	42.0	44.1	43.2	15.83	15.86	15.67
Leather & Leather Products	207.59	209.72	216.41	38.3	38.2	37.9	5.42	5.49	5.71
Other Nondurable Goods	382.70	391.02	380.38	44.5	45.1	42.5	8.60	8.67	8.95
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	464.89	503.58	510.74	39.7	42.0	43.1	11.71	11.99	11.85
Oil & Gas Extraction	461.76	503.16	517.22	39.5	42.0	43.5	11.69	11.98	11.89
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	501.12	502.85	384.82	41.9	41.8	35.5	11.96	12.03	10.84
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	476.28	481.56	480.80	39.2	39.7	40.0	12.15	12.13	12.02
Elec., Gas & San. Services	425.17	432.92	458.50	38.2	39.9	39.8	11.13	10.85	11.52
Wholesale & Retail Trade	221.52	221.90	225.02	31.6	31.7	32.1	7.01	7.00	7.01
Wholesale Trade	378.88	378.07	381.12	39.1	39.3	39.7	9.69	9.62	9.60
Retail Trade	173.46	174.34	174.34	29.3	29.4	29.7	5.92	5.93	5.87
General Merchandise Stores	170.66	169.01	174.65	26.5	26.7	27.9	6.44	6.33	6.26
Banking	264.59	265.24	273.78	36.8	37.2	39.0	7.19	7.13	7.02

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 394.78	$ 398.89	$ 385.56	41.6	41.9	40.8	$ 9.49	$ 9.52	$ 9.45
Durable Goods	422.77	425.96	408.70	41.9	42.3	41.2	10.09	10.07	9.92
Nondurable Goods	348.94	354.32	346.87	41.1	41.2	40.1	8.49	8.60	8.65
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	420.89	401.14	397.17	42.3	41.1	41.2	9.95	9.76	9.64
Durable Goods	445.91	417.54	412.64	43.0	41.3	41.1	10.37	10.11	10.04
Nondurable Goods	358.09	358.43	355.63	40.6	40.5	41.4	8.82	8.85	8.59
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	481.74	483.66	463.42	43.4	43.3	41.6	11.10	11.17	11.14
Durable Goods	413.66	406.93	404.33	43.0	42.3	41.3	9.62	9.62	9.79
Nondurable Goods	559.33	571.87	540.54	43.8	44.4	42.0	12.77	12.88	12.87
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	308.90	307.50	298.91	41.8	41.0	41.4	7.39	7.50	7.22
Durable Goods	335.76	335.64	329.28	40.6	40.1	43.1	8.27	8.37	7.64
Nondurable Goods	282.91	281.40	269.45	42.8	42.0	39.8	6.61	6.70	6.77

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Construction lost an additional 5,000 jobs over the month, pushing the employment level down by 48,900 from February 1986. The largest of the decreases in this sector occurred among general building contractors, which lost 1,900 jobs. At this point, construction has lost almost as many jobs as the oil and gas industry. Since there are about twice as many construction jobs as there are in mining and the current downturn in building shows no immediate sign of reversal, it is possible that construction will lose a considerably larger number of jobs in the coming months.

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For the third consecutive month, mining recorded a moderate loss in February, dropping 700 jobs. The good news was that none of the recent declines were large, indicating that some stability has been achieved within the oil and gas industry. The current estimate, however, was still 50,400 below the February 1986 level.

Manufacturing added jobs in February 1987 for the first time since August 1986. Although the increase was minor, the upturn was encouraging, as most sectors of both durable and nondurable goods recorded small gains over the month. Durable goods added 500 new jobs in February, with only two downturns recorded. The oil field machinery sector was primarily responsible for the decline in nonelectrical machinery, and miscellaneous manufacturing industries also reported a small decrease. The largest growth in durable goods was in transportation equipment, where aircraft and parts continued upward due to recently-awarded defense contracts. Stone, clay and glass products also showed an increase in February.

Nondurable goods also had minor ups and downs over the month, leaving the sector with 700 additional jobs. The largest gains were in food and kindred products, which increased due to seasonal hiring for Valentine's Day, and in printing and publishing. Chemicals and allied products and petroleum and coal products each declined moderately in February, holding growth back to some extent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DROP

There were an estimated 604,100 Texas manufacturing production workers in February, up 600 from January. The average production worker in February worked a 41.1-hour week for $9.73 an hour, averaging $399.90 per week. Average hourly earnings declined by 2¢ over the month and average weekly hours dropped by 0.2 hour, pushing average weekly earnings down by $2.78. Much of the over-the-month decrease in both hours worked and hourly earnings was due to less overtime worked at premium pay in February.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986
Total Population	16,860,600	16,550,800*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.8	1.9
UI Covered Employers	313,463	314,029
Total Claims Actions	922,415	621,098
Total Initial Claims Actions	81,566	77,478
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	740,849	543,620
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.63	$150.57
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$101,826,124	$68,870,675
Total Placements	22,388	20,251

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